

News Briefs

**Runway opening**  
The center runway, 13C/31C, will open Monday. People must have direct radio contact with the air traffic control tower and a valid flightline drivers license to operate a vehicle on or across the runway. For more information, call Ext. 2996 or Ext. 2993.

**Welcome Home event**  
All BLAZE TEAM members are invited to show their appreciation for the most recently returned deployed servicemembers at the 14th Flying Training Wing Welcome Home celebration at 4:30 p.m. July 18 with food, drinks and prizes at the Columbus Club.  
Returned servicemembers must call the chapel at Ext. 2500 by Tuesday to sign up, and are encouraged to bring memorabilia from their deployment to share with the community during this event.

**9-1-1**  
The only number BLAZE TEAM members should use to make emergency calls is 9-1-1. When dialing 9-1-1 from base phones and cell phones, callers should make sure to state their exact location. By following these instructions, all emergency calls will be forwarded to the Columbus AFB Fire and Emergency services E-911 center. Columbus AFB Fire and Emergency Services maintains two dedicated E-911 lines to handle emergency responses.

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Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Stolen VA laptop turned in to FBI

Steven Donald Smith  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The stolen Department of Veterans Affairs laptop computer and hard drive containing the personal information of more than 26 million veterans were turned in to the FBI June 29, the Veterans Affairs secretary said before Congress today.  
Reports indicate the FBI has made a preliminary determination that data contained on the computer and

hard drive has not been accessed.  
There have been no reports of identity theft or other criminal activity related to the stolen computer, R. James Nicholson told the House Veterans Affairs Committee. He added that the VA would still honor its promise of free credit monitoring for a year.  
An unnamed individual turned over the laptop and hard drive to FBI officials in Baltimore. No persons are in custody at this time, officials said.  
The laptop and hard drive were stolen from the Montgomery County, Md., home of a VA employee on May 3. Government officials do not believe the data on the laptop was the target of the burglary, and consider the break-in a random theft.  
“This has brought to the light of day some real deficiencies in the manner we handled personal data,” Nicholson said. “If there’s a redeeming part of this, I think we can turn this around.”



Airman 1st Class Alyssa Miles

Commissary shoppers like Dorothy Simmons and Hazel Huffman will get to experience a more customer-friendly layout after the commissary store reset July 24 and July 25. The store will reopen at 10 a.m. July 26 with a new look.

Commissary reset  
Makeover improves shopping experience

The Columbus commissary is scheduled to close for a complete store reset July 24 through July 25 and will reopen at 10 a.m. July 26 with a new look.  
“The Defense Commissary Agency is in a continual process of changing how product is placed on commissary shelves,” said Paula Lewis, store director. “New products are added to stores all the time, while some are eliminated; so every few years a commissary simply needs to be reorganized or ‘reset.’”  
To make changes easier for customers to follow, the Columbus commissary will update its floor plan on the Columbus store Web page at www.commissaries.com. Store Web pages are located under the locations link at www.commissaries.com along with store hours, contact information, store news and special customer service features.  
“We’ll also have an aisle map available for customers who just want to know where their favorite products have been moved, but we encourage everyone to walk all the aisles of the store and get a feel for the changes,” Ms. Lewis said. “You never know, they might find something they never even knew we had!”  
(Courtesy of the Defense Commissary Agency)

**Capt. Matt Borgos**  
50th Flying Training Squadron

**STAR BLAZER**

The 14th Flying Training Wing congratulates **Captain Borgos** on his appointment as **50th FTS Hawk Flight commander.**

**14TH FLYING TRAINING WING DEPLOYED**

As of press time, **45 BLAZE TEAM members** are deployed worldwide.

Remember to support the troops and their families while they are away.

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# Airmen test new AF flight suits, T-shirts

**Capt. Saje Park**  
53rd Wing

**EGLIN AFB, Fla.** — A six-month wear test for the next generation flight suit and proposed T-shirt undergarment is being conducted by specialists in the 28th Test and Evaluation Squadron aircrew life support division here.

The T-shirt, which is being tested in two versions made from wool or meta-aramid fibers (the same flame retardant material used in the flight suit), is a new item which could replace the non-standardized cotton shirts worn by aircrews now.

“The purpose of testing the new shirts is to provide aircrews with a cool, moisture-wicking and flame-resistant undergarment,” said Danny Keith, 28th TES assistant project manager. While performing flight duties, aircrew members are prohibited from wearing the popular, yet flammable, polyester wicking T-shirts sold in military clothing stores.

The flight suit being tested is identical in construction to the one worn now. Although wear testers can provide input on future design changes, the evaluation focuses on changing the flight suit’s material.

“We are specifically looking at a different weave of fabric to decide if it can resist the current flight suit problems of pilling, shade variation and zipper flaring,” Mr. Keith said.

The flaring of the cloth flaps that are

intended to conceal the 10 zipper tracks on the suit was first identified in the women’s flight suit wear tests.

“Although the change of fabric won’t address the zipper flaring directly, we are examining a slight change in the sewing construction that may correct the problem,” he said.

The pilling (little balls of matted fiber) and the shade variations in the green flight suits (most noticeable under fluorescent lighting) are possible effects from changes made by the U.S. Army in the 1990s to make the flight suit anti-static and comply with near-infrared signature requirements, Mr. Keith said. The Army’s changes also altered the Air Force’s initial sage-green color. The new green flight suit material will again return to the original color, now dubbed “Freedom Sage.”

More than 50 test volunteers from fighter, bomber, airlift, helicopter and aeromedical units across the country are participating in the operational utility evaluation. Each aircrew member received three wool and three meta-aramid T-shirts, and two flight suits — one made from the new weave and one from the current fabric.

“The items are labeled with a letter or number that hasn’t been explained to the participants to preserve the test’s integrity,” Mr. Keith said. The participants will provide data to the 28th TES by logging the number of times the suits and undergarments are worn and washed



U.S. Air Force photo  
**Danny Keith assigns a batch of the new flight suits and T-shirt prototypes to one of the volunteers participating in the operational utility evaluation at Eglin AFB, Fla. The uniform prototypes are being tested through Nov 1.**

and answering Web-based questionnaires.

So far, the response has been mostly positive, Mr. Keith said.

“After washing (the new T-shirts) a few times, I really can’t tell the difference between them and my existing cotton shirts,” said Col. Ken Wilsbach, 53d Wing commander. “They’re pretty comfortable.”

The 28th TES officials will forward

their final report to Air Force Materiel Command at the conclusion of the wear test on Nov. 1.

“We want to provide the Air Force Clothing Office with the most complete data so a decision can be made that will suit our aircrews’ needs,” Mr. Keith said. “It’s important to provide our Airmen with the absolute best technology, whether it’s an advanced weapons system or the uniform they wear every day.”



Tech. Sgt. Cohen Young  
**George Varga, Air Force deputy comptroller, demonstrates the capabilities of the new Joint Services OneStop Kiosk at the Pentagon June 29.**

# Kiosk offers variety of customer service

**WASHINGTON** — The new Joint Services OneStop Kiosk at the Pentagon may look like an ATM, but it offers much more.

The kiosk, unveiled June 29 at the Pentagon Metro entrance, is a customer service initiative that provides users with online Web access to such programs as MyPay, the Air Force Portal, and virtual military and civilian personnel flights. All Department of Defense users — military, civilian, retired and active duty — can access their personal information through the kiosk.

Sponsored by the Air Force, the kiosk has

user-friendly menu selections that allow users to access information quickly. Other applications on the system include money and personnel matters, family support, health and wellness, lodging, local area information and frequently asked questions. It can also link to thousands of other Web pages.

Other kiosks that are service- or agency-specific are already in place at various federal and military installations, but this is the first joint device, said George Varga, Air Force deputy comptroller. He said the kiosk will be a good resource for people new to the area.



## What is AFROTC?

AFROTC is a 2- to 4-year program that produces officers to serve on active duty in the Air Force for a 4-year commitment

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# Celebrating the day America became free

Steve Larsen  
22nd Air Refueling Wing

**MCCONNELL AFB, Kan.** — "The second day of July 1776, will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. "You will think me transported with enthusiasm but I am not. I am well aware of the toil and blood and treasure, that it will cost us to maintain this declaration, and support and defend these states. Yet through all the gloom I can see the rays of ravishing light and glory. I can see that the end is more than worth all the means."

When John Adams penned these words to his wife, Abigail, on July 3, 1776, he did not realize that the "succeeding generations" of his fellow citizens would actually celebrate July 4 as the day of national independence. He was sure they would remember the day

the Congress passed Richard Henry Lee's resolution for independence rather than the one on which Congress adopted the declaration.

Pause to reflect on the Declaration of Independence and consider what the document represented to the men who wrote it.

For them, the issue itself was the need for self-determination. These founders were no longer British, but, distinctly American. The time had arrived to chart a separate course as, "free and independent states." To them, in a word, the document represented liberty.

Most Americans can call to mind one or two phrases or sentences from the document, such as, 'all men are created equal,' or, 'life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' The parchment goes further than the occasional poetic turn of phrase.

Within the document's 1,322 words, the declaration makes nine specific ref-

erences to freedom, independence and liberty, and lists 27 separate grievances. Each grievance represented in the view of the Continental Congress, an arbitrary, and in many respects, maleficent application of power that limited the liberty of Americans.

The document rebuked the king and parliament for acts, legislation or deeds executed without any form of debate, consultation or consent of those governed. The declaration was, therefore, a direct response on the part of Congress to inform Great Britain that America must be independent and listed the reasoning as to why.

In their view, King George III was a tyrant and, as such, "unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

This desire for liberty and the "toil, blood and treasure" it would cost was not held just by those ensconced in Independence Hall. Those in the field, the soldiers, would be the very people who contributed the "toil and blood."

Their commander certainly understood this.

When George Washington received word of Congress' action on July 9 he ordered several brigades to be drawn up to hear the declaration of Congress.

In words that clearly illustrated his understanding of the magnitude of the declaration, he also stated, "The general hopes this important event will serve as a fresh incentive to every officer and soldier, to act with fidelity and courage, as knowing that now the peace and safety of his country depends (under God) solely on the success of our arms..."

Today's military carries the heritage and history of the Continental Army. Every day, Airmen serving somewhere in the world are engaged in their own struggle. They are the group now charged "to act with fidelity and courage," to maintain the foundational principles of what is the United States — personal liberty and right to self-determination.

# A patriot's love for the United States

Dr. Roy Heidicker  
4th Fighter Wing

**SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, N.C.** — In a way, the Fourth of July is more like Valentine's Day. It is an opportunity for me to reflect on that great object of my affection: the United States of America.

My wife is a very understanding woman. She knows I love her dearly, and she is the center of my world. But she also knows that I have a passionate, all-consuming love for America. I think a major reason I became a historian was so I could pursue my passion full-time.

When I was a child, my heroes were the great Americans who fought and won World War II. I made models of many of the planes, tanks and ships of that war. I thought, as many did, that

these people were "our greatest generation."

When I served in the Marine Corps, I felt I was emulating my heroes of World War II. Later when I was in graduate school, studying different periods of U.S. history, I learned about all the great Americans who have served our nation in times of need. From the Revolutionary War through the war on terrorism today, dedicated men and women have stood up and accepted the challenge.

July 4, 1776, was merely the beginning of this commitment to liberty and freedom that has continued these many years. Think of a world without the United States of America. Would it be ruled by Hitler's Nazis or Stalin's Communists? Would Al-Qaeda terrorists be annihilating most of the people on the planet? Our nation has stood, and still stands, as the Minuteman, Yankee, Doughboy, G.I., Marine, Sailor and Airman confronting evil in the world.

# 'in-lieu-of' Training prepares Airmen to serve in combat operations

Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon  
81st Training Wing

**KEESLER AFB, Miss.** — Today, more than 800 Airmen are attending Army ground combat skills training at several Army installations, preparing them for Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom deployments. The Airmen require the training because they will be assigned duties outside their normal Air Force Specialties. In the near-term, these numbers are expected to increase substantially.

Commonly referred to as "in-lieu-of" (ILO) taskings, Airmen, Sailors, Soldiers and Marines from a cross-section of all military specialties are performing non traditional missions to provide temporary augmentation.

Second Air Force has been tasked by Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley to add to its technical training responsibilities the oversight of Airmen throughout their ILO Training cycle.

"Our goal is to take care of our people, as our Air Force mission requirements continue to evolve," said Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, 2nd Air Force commander. "We want to ensure our Airmen can perform safely and effectively in combat alongside our sister services while maintaining their Air Force identity."

ILOT initiatives ensure Airmen are prepared for non-traditional combat environments in support of the Combatant Commander's requirements where some Airmen are deployed to assist Army personnel. Second Air Force wants to support every Airmen engaged in this enhanced, realistic training and to address their current and future service needs.

General Gould emphasized Airmen deploying in support of Army mission requirements must maintain an Air Force chain-of-command.

"Airmen will continue to have readily-available Air Force leadership eager to address any concerns," the general said. "I'm grateful that we have such high-caliber Airmen in our Air Force who can step up to these challenges, and their continuous feedback is essential for leadership to be able to respond to any training or personnel issues that might arise. Second Air Force will ensure all Airmen have an Air Force chain-of-command throughout their time in ILOT."

ILOT is designed to develop a population of Airmen who are combat-ready and able to fulfill duties outside their normal Air Force specialty. Prior to deployment, Airmen tasked to augment certain Army missions receive combat skills training at one of 14 Army training locations now designated as Power Projection Platforms.

Current Army PPPs include: Camp Shelby, Miss; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Bliss, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla; White



U.S. Air Force Photo

**Army Lt. Col. Mike Kozlik, 3rd Battalion, 349th Infantry commander, briefs trainees on detecting Improvised Explosive Devices. The training incorporates lessons learned from several deployed locations as well as role-playing opposition forces.**

Sands, N.M; Fort Riley, Kansas; Fort Lewis, Wash; Fort McCoy, Wis; Camp Atterbury, Ind; Fort Dix, N.J; Aberdeen, Md; Fort Monroe, Va; Fort Bragg, N.C; and Fort Benning, Ga.

Typical skill sets taught during ILOT include enhanced combat weapons proficiency training, land navigation and Global Positioning Satellite training, expanded self-aid and buddy-care called "combat lifesaver" training, detecting and responding to Improvised Explosive Devices and a host of other current tactics determined to be relevant to certain theaters of operation. Theater-specific training might vary, depending on the location of an Airman's pending deployment.

"What we are trying to do here is train Airmen to do missions and roles they weren't traditionally used to, because they're helping their buddies in another service," said Army Col. John Hadjis, commander of 3rd Brigade, 87th Division Training Support at Camp Shelby, Miss. "We developed this training out of what is commonly called 'theater immersion,' which is a philosophy of take the Soldier, take the Sailor, take the Airman, and train him or her to fight in the same conditions and same missions as they would expect to see in-theater."

Second Air Force officials said the training initiatives will be fully implemented by Sept. 30. A team from 2nd Air Force, along with a United States Central Command Air Forces Personnel Support for Contingency Operations element, received and prepared 183 airmen commencing training at Camp Shelby.

"When you get down here, things are a little hectic, but as time moves on, you're getting into the training," said Staff Sgt Matt Leas, a marketing information manager

for the 364th Recruiting Squadron, Sacramento, Calif. "Some of it is intense — a lot of time (in small arms training) — which is good," he continued. "It's good to work with the Army to find out what we'll be doing down-range. The instructors are good — they really know their stuff, and that's really what we're looking for down here."

Colonel Hadjis said the training was designed to improve competencies in essential combat skills.

"The training is built on 41 individual tasks and nine collective tasks — tasks an Airman would do as part of a team," said the colonel. "They're centered around competencies and warrior skills like shooting, communicating, taking care of your buddy, and surviving, dealing and negotiating in the culture you're going to be in."

Colonel Hadjis said the training exemplifies the concept of taking care of people, as military personnel in all services face non-traditional combat environments with "no front lines."

"I think it's the best possible example of taking care of folks, because we're making them as ready as they possibly can be to succeed at their mission, safeguard their people and come home in good shape," the colonel said.

General Gould said he applauds the adaptability of today's Airmen in overcoming the challenges of ever-changing combat environments.

"Today, more than ever, our Airmen are warriors," the general said. "I am proud to be associated with Air Force people who are so devoted to defending our great nation while being true team players, even when it means stepping outside their normal duties and specialties."

# On the Street

How did you spend the Fourth of July weekend?



"I stayed at home with my husband. We cooked, watched television and enjoyed quality time together."

**Eileen Comer**  
AAFES employee



"I went home to Navarre, Fla., to spend time with my family and friends."

**2nd Lt. Earl Alexander**  
14th Comptroller Squadron



"I went to Geyser Falls, the pool and to see fireworks with all the cadets. Even though I was away from home, I enjoyed myself."

**Cadet Jake Bills**  
Murfeesboro, Tenn.



"I went to the marina with base commanders and their families to watch fireworks and visit the different booths there."

**Chris Gerber**  
15 years old



Summer programs provide recreational family fun

**Instructors wanted:** The youth center is in search of piano, ballet, tennis and guitar instructors (those who set their own sched-ule and pay). The center assists instructors by providing students and a place to host classes. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

**Home decor workshop:** Today is the last day to register and pay for this work-shop on how to make a CD storage rack. Class times are 10 a.m. or 6 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$25 and includes all supplies. Call Ext. 7836 for information.

**Family fun night and pool party:** The Columbus Club offers a pool party from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Cost is \$6.95 for members and \$9.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$3.95 for members and \$5.95 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. The menu includes grilled cheese, french fries, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and salad. Call Ext. 2490 for more information.

**Crafts classes:** The arts and crafts center's upcoming craft classes feature season-al projects. Adult classes are at 10:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Upcoming classes include how to make a mosaic bird bath, clay saucer coasters, flo-ral book marks, a mosaic votive holder, a gate or garden area welcome sign, or a stars and stripes planter.

Youth classes are at 11:30 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Upcoming classes include how to make a can cooler, travel tic tac toe, a decorative chalk board, placemats, brick bookends, bug clips for chips, puzzle people pins or magnets or a miniature bird bath.

A display of all projects is available in the arts and crafts lobby. Participants must reg-ister at least four days prior to the class date. Call Ext. 7836 for more information.

**Cheerleading spirit camp:** The youth center offers this camp for ages 6 to 18 July 17 to July 21. Two sessions are available; 8 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 per child or \$40 for both sessions. Each pro-gram participant will receive 15 hours of instruction, a T-shirt, a certificate of course completion and the opportunity to provide feedback on the program. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

**Club scholarship program:** The dead-line to turn in entries for a chance at \$25,000 in club scholarships is July 14. Club members and their family members may

enter. For more information, call Ext. 2490 or go to [www.cafbservices.com](http://www.cafbservices.com) /clubs for entry forms, rules and eligibility criteria.

**Parents day out:** The child development center and youth center offer Parents Day Out from from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 15. Cost is \$3 per hour per child. Parents must reg-ister their children by Wednesday. Call the child development center at Ext. 2478 or the youth center at Ext. 2504 for more information.

**Champagne brunch:** The Columbus Club offers an all-ranks brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. July 16. Cost is \$9.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers. Cost for ages 6 to 12 is \$5 for members and \$7 for nonmembers. Ages 5 and younger eat for free. Call Ext. 2490 for more infor-mation.

**Youth science camp:** The youth center offers this camp for ages 7 to 12 from 9 a.m. to noon July 24 to July 28. Campers will have an opportunity to experience science through fun and exciting activities. Camp is free; however, spaces are limited and regis-tration is based on first come, first served. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

**Collection Expo:** The youth center invites all young collectors, ages 9 to 18, to share their trading cards, rocks, stamps, stuffed animals and other collections at the Collection Expo from 2 to 4 p.m. July 29. For more information, call Ext. 2504.

**Summer day camp:** The youth center offers this program for youth who have completed kindergarten through sixth grades. Camp is from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Cost is based on total family income. Activities include swim-ming, field trips, arts and crafts, sports and more. Call Ext. 2504 for more information.

**Bowling center special:** The bowling center offers 50-cent bowling all day Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the summer. Patrons who purchase a combo meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. can bowl for 50 cents a game with free shoe rental. Call Ext. 2426.

**Oil change special:** The auto hobby shop offers an oil change and tire rotation for \$26. Customers can add a tire balance for a total of \$40. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

**Florida golf trip:** The information, tick-

Putting Princess



Pam Wickham

Col. Susan Hall, 14th Medical Group commander, takes her turn at putting dur-ing the 2005 three-lady scramble. The golf course is hosting a ladies only "Princess Open" two-lady scramble July 14. Deadline to enter is Wednesday at the pro shop. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

et and travel office offers a trip to Ft. Walton Beach, Fla, Sept. 22 to Sept. 24 for a weekend of golf. Cost is \$165 for Whispering Pines annual greens fee card holders and \$180 for nonmembers. Cost includes transportation, two nights lodging and two rounds of golf at Eglin AFB. The bus will depart at 10 a.m. Friday and return late Sunday afternoon. A non-refundable 50-percent deposit is required upon regis-tration. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

**Saints football trips:** The information, ticket and travel office offers one-and two-night trips to all New Orleans Saints home games. Cost is based on double occupancy and includes transportation, shuttle service, game ticket and accommodations. One

night trips are \$125 per person and two night trips are \$175 per person. Upcoming one night trips are Sept. 25 to see the Atlanta Falcons, Oct. 8 to see the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Oct. 15 to see the Philadelphia Eagles, Oct. 29 to see the Baltimore Ravens, Dec. 3 to see the San Francisco 49ers, and Dec. 17 to see the Washington Redskins. The two night trips are Nov. 19 to see the Cincinnati Bengals and Dec. 31 to see the Carolina Panthers. For more information, call Ext. 7861.

**White Water Rafting trip:** The outdoor adventure program offers this trip Sept. 2 to Sept. 4 on the Ocoee River. Cost is \$115 per person and includes transportation, river trip, two nights lodging and two meals. Call Ext. 7861.

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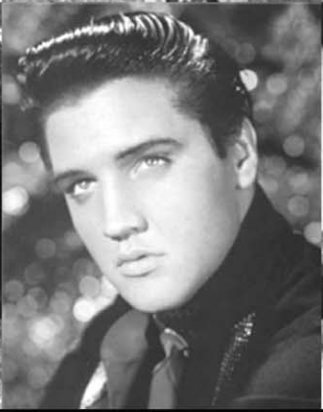
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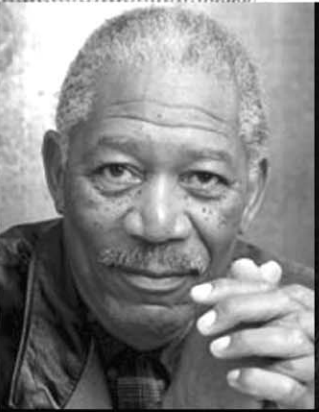
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What's our idea of fun in Mississippi? It's not what you think. We actually enjoy watching

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Base Notes

AF Ball theme ideas wanted

Today is the last day BLAZE TEAM members can submit ideas for the 2006 Air Force Ball theme. Columbus AFB will celebrate the Air Force's 59th birthday Sept. 22 at the Trotter Convention Center. People can e-mail ideas to colin.burchfield@columbus.af.mil. Based on the community's response, the committee will determine the theme at a later date.

EMCC pre-registration

East Mississippi Community College fall 2006 pre-registration and orientation is from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. July 14 at the EMCC office in Building 916. People will have the opportunity to meet with an academic advisor and sign up early for both distance learning and on- base classes for fall 2006. Classes begin August 17. For more information, call Ext. 2660 or e-mail rsanders@eastms.edu or jnewton@eastms.edu.

CMSD registration

On-base residents with children attending the Columbus Municipal School District for the 2006-2007 school year can register their children from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. July 24 at the Services Community Center.

Families must have one proof of on-base housing residency upon registering. If new to the district, they must also bring a Mississippi Immunization Compliance Form (from the 14th Medical Group), a certified birth certificate and previous school records.

Children in kindergarten through fourth grades must have participated in the lottery and have an assigned seat. Those who have not participated in the lottery must report to Brandon Central Services Center located at 2630 McArthur Drive (next to K-Mart) to apply for a seat.

Children in fifth through twelfth grades must be new students or previously enrolled in the CMSD.

New students in seventh through twelfth grades must visit their gaining school upon arrival to Columbus to select a course schedule prior to registering, if possible. For more information, call 241-7400.

Civilian tuition assistance

The Air Force will fund mission-related college courses for full-time appropriated fund civilian personnel employed at

Columbus AFB. To use CivTA, the program must be recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, voluntary and off-duty. For details or eligibility information, call Ext. 2562.

Hiring for C-5 conversion

The 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, W.V., is in the process of transitioning from a C-130 unit to a C-5 unit and hiring for many new full-time positions. For more information, call (800) 253-5674 or visit www.wvmart.ang.af.mil.

Airmen and Family

**(Editor's note:** All activities are offered at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, formerly known as the Family Support Center, unless otherwise specified. For more information about any of the activities listed, call Ext. 2790.)

Free computer workshops

The Airman and Family Readiness Center and East Mississippi Community College Work Force Development offer free computer workshops starting July 17. These programs are offered at no cost to active duty, retirees, family members or contractors. If the base network control center offers the same workshop, active-duty members must attend the NCC workshop.

Microsoft Word is from 8 to 10 a.m. and Microsoft Excel is from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. July 17 through Aug. 9. Introduction to Computers is from 2 to 4 p.m. and Microsoft PowerPoint is from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 14 through Aug. 30.

All workshops meet Monday and Wednesday for three weeks. Seating is limited. To register or for more information, call Ext. 2790.

PDF, Jr.

Personnel Deployment Function Junior is from 7:45 to 11 a.m. July 26. This free program is open to children, ages 6 to 12, of active-duty military members or civilians. Ages 10 and younger must be accompanied by an adult older than 18 years.

Participants will get to meet the wing commander, receive IDs and dog tags through a processing line, learn about safety at deployed locations, explore a mobility bag, witness a communications and working dog demonstrations and tour an aircraft static display. Registration is limited. To sign up, call Ext. 2790 by 4 p.m. July 20.

Smooth move

A workshop for relocating families is from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday. Participants will learn what to expect from the travel management office, housing, military pay, legal, billeting, Tricare and the family support center.

TAP workshop

A transition assistance workshop for personnel who are within one year of retirement or separation from the military is from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

Government applications

A workshop on federal employment and the Small Business Administration is from 3:10 to 4:05 p.m. Thursday.

Local employment

A workshop about employment opportunities with local businesses, the 14th Services Division and government applications is at 1 p.m. every Wednesday. Resumes and other job applications will also be discussed.

Employment assistance

A workshop about employment assistance from the Mississippi Department of Employment Security is from 2:35 to 3 p.m. Thursday. This event is for people who are separating, retiring or new to the area and seeking employment.

VA benefits

A seminar on Department of Veterans Affairs benefits is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday.

Glve Parents a Break

This free childcare is available from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 15. The Air Force Aid Society sponsors this program for active-duty Air Force families who are experiencing unique stresses such as deployments, remote tours of duty and extended working hours.

Families must be referred by one of the following: squadron commander or first sergeant, chaplain, doctor or medical professional, or personnel from family advocacy, the Airman and Family Readiness Center or child development center. For more information, call the AFRC at Ext. 2790.

Free oil change

The Air Force Aid Society's "Car Care Because We Care" program is available to Airmen enrolled in the First Term Airman's Center and spouses of active-

duty Air Force members deployed or remote for more than 30 days. Call Ext. 2855.

Personal financial analysis

Individual financial counseling and a financial analysis are available for those planning to make a major financial decision, purchase a home or vehicle, or make a lifestyle change.

Deployment briefings

Military personnel going remote or being deployed must attend a mandatory briefing held daily at 9 a.m.

Air Force Aid Society

The AFAS offers 24-hour emergency assistance. Possible aid includes interest-free loans, grants, car repairs and emergency travel. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness Center.

WIC

Representatives from Women, Infants & Children visit Columbus AFB twice a month. Active-duty military personnel and family members who are pregnant or have children younger than 5 years old can make appointments to meet with a WIC representative on base to determine eligibility and/or receive vouchers for food supplements. Eligibility is based on income and number of family members. To make an appointment, call Ext. 2790.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday:  
8:15 to 8:45 a.m. — Confessions  
9:15 a.m. — Mass  
4:30 to 5 p.m. — Confessions  
5:30 p.m. — SUPT Mass  
Monday through Thursday:  
11:30 a.m. — Mass  
Thursday:  
6 p.m. — Choir practice

Protestant

Sunday:  
9 a.m. — Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. — Traditional worship service at the chapel with a fellowship luncheon every fourth Sunday of the month  
Thursday:  
5:30 p.m. — Choir practice

For more information on Bible studies and other programs, call the chapel at Ext. 2500.

**Slugburger Festival:** This tribute to a local culinary delight features live entertainment, amusement rides and food today and tomorrow in Corinth, Miss. For more information, call (662) 287-1550 or visit www.corinth.ms.

**Christmas in July:** This free exhibit of local needle artists' work features a holiday theme now through July 15 at 2115 University Boulevard in Tuscaloosa, Ala. For more information, call (205) 758-0108.

**"Rendezvous in the Park" Dulcimer Festival:** This event features music, arts and crafts, and food beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday in Tupelo, Miss. Cost is a \$3 entry fee per vehicle at Tombigbee State Park. For more information, call (662) 842-7669.

**"Starkville Live" Sidewalk Sale:** The family can enjoy live music, children's games and sales from merchants in the Starkville, Miss., Old Main Historic District from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

**Ida B. Wells Arts/Crafts Family Festival:** This event features artwork by Mississippi artists in various media, blues, gospel and jazz concerts, barbecue on the lawn and a banquet honoring the birthday of Ida B. Wells today through Sunday in Holly Springs, Miss. For

more information, call (662) 252-3232.

**Tupelo Gigantic Flea Market:** The flea market will include outdoor and indoor vendors, food and restrooms on site from 5 to 9 p.m. today. 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday on Coley Road in Tupelo, Miss. For more information, call (662) 842-4442.

**Neil Young, Heart of Gold:** Now through Thursday, the Arts Council's Cinema Nouveau film series presents this film weeknights and Saturday at 7:30 p.m.; and at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Bama Theatre in Tuscaloosa, Ala. For more information, call (205) 758-5195.

**Circus:** The Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey circus is July 21 through July 23 at Humphrey Coliseum at the Mississippi State University Campus in Starkville, Miss. The event features an all-access preshow party available to ticket holders at no extra charge. Participants will have the opportunity to mingle with performers, learn about the animals from experts, receive autographs and even watch an elephant paint.

Discounted performances are at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. July 22; and at 2 p.m. July 23. Tickets are \$29 for VIP floor seats, \$19 for first price level and \$14 for second price level. Military personnel and their family members receive a \$5 discount. Tickets can be purchased

in person from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Mississippi State Athletic Ticket Office in Bryan Building on Lakeview Road (adjacent to the Humphrey Coliseum).

Tickets are issued for the best available seats at the time of purchase, on a first come-first served basis. Discounts are not available on VIP floor seats and cannot be combined. Children who have reached their second birthday require a ticket. Full price tickets are available at the Humphrey Coliseum or www.ticketweb.com. Tickets can be purchased the day of the show at the Humphrey Coliseum Gameday ticket office. For group discount information, call Dixieland Group Tickets at (888) 770-1876 or e-mail dixiegroups@bellsouth.net. For more information, visit www.ringling.com.

**IMAX Theatre:** The McWane Center IMAX Theatre in Birmingham, Ala., features *Fighter Pilot-Operation Red Flag*. Spectators will follow a young F-15 fighter pilot through Red Flag, the final phase before pilots are sent into actual combat, and receive a rare view into the teamwork and dangers of military flight training. For more information, call (205) 714-8300 or visit www.McWane.org.

**For more information about area events, contact the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Ext. 2790 or e-mail FSC@columbus.af.mil.**

BARGAIN LINE

Bargain Line advertisement

The Bargain Line is free for all military members (including guard and reserve members), DOD civilians, military retirees, family members and contract employees.

Bargain Line advertisements must be turned in to the Silver Wings office in the 14th Flying Training Wing headquarters building by noon Monday to be included in the following week's issue. Late ads will be held over for the next issue.

Reruns must be phoned in to the Silver Wings office, 434-7068, by noon Monday for inclusion in the next week's issue. Please do not re-submit ads for rerun on this form. Advertisements should contain a home phone number, home address or both. Duty phone numbers will not appear in the ads.

Advertisements for private businesses or services providing a continuous source of income, such as baby-sitting or rental property, may not appear in the Bargain Line. They may, however, be purchased through the Silver Wings publisher, 328-2424. Please fill out this form completely. The Silver Wings staff reserves the right to edit ads as necessary.

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If you would like to give any other suggestions, please e-mail us at silverwings@columbus.af.mil.



# Air Force Marathon boasts new additions

**Rachel Castle**  
88th Air Base Wing

**WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, Ohio** — Officials announced that there will be a new team in town at the tenth anniversary Air Force Marathon. For the first time, a pace team will run with participants in the half-marathon, assisting participants who want to finish within a specific race time.

“We are very excited to add a new pace team to the half-marathon. The half-marathon is a great race for those who prefer a shorter course. Having a pace team will add to the competition and enhance an already great event,” said Molly Louden, marathon director.


Half-marathon pace times and team biographies will be posted on the event Web site, [www.usafmarathon.com/](http://www.usafmarathon.com/) and will range from 1:40 to 3:00 hours.

In addition to the half-marathon pace team, the full-marathon pace team will return to

Wright-Patterson with a new, faster race time of 3:10. Other pace teams will run for 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4:10, 4:20, 4:30 and 5:00. The pace team times reflect a variety of runner’s needs, including the finishing times required to qualify for the Boston Marathon.

“The pace team is a group of experienced marathoners that lead runners through the entire 26.2 miles of the course at even, designated paces. Runners wishing to achieve a particular goal pace only need to meet up with the pace group leader at the starting line and run with that leader to achieve their goal,” according to a pace team release.

The U.S. Air Force Marathon will be Sept. 16 on the grounds of the National Museum of the U.S. Air Force. Admission to the event is free. Runners registering online by July 31 will receive a discounted entry fee. Race information can be found on the Web site or by calling 1-800-467-1823. *(Pace Team Director Jim Crist contributed to this article.)*



A run in honor of Connor Hart Corcoran is July 15 at Lake Lowndes State Park in Columbus. Participants have the option of completing a fun run at 8 a.m. or a 5k race, which will begin immediately upon completion of the fun run.

Families and pets are welcome. All children in the fun run will receive medals. Overall male and female 5k winners will receive awards.

Registration is \$15 if postmarked by July 10 and \$10 the day of the event. Registration forms are available at the fitness center.

All proceeds will be donated to The Connor Hart Corcoran Memorial Fund, established in honor of an Air Force pilot's son who passed away in a tragic accident in 2005. The funds will be used to refurbish Connor's favorite playgrounds at Langley AFB, Va., Edwards AFB, Calif., and Mountain Home AFB, Idaho; to purchase copies of Connor's favorite books for libraries and hospitals on and near these Air Force bases; and to fund any other projects that benefit young children. For more information, call The Carousel at 327-1101.

## Sports Shorts

### British Open Pick

The next pick tournament is the British Open Pick July 22 and July 23. Participants must pick their pro by 9 a.m. July 22. Golfers can pick a pro competing in the British Open, and match the player’s score with their’s (including handicap), and the lowest net score wins. Entry is \$10 plus greens fees. Call Ext. 7932 for more information.

### Thursday Scrambles new time

Whispering Pines Golf Course offers these weekly scrambles at 5:30 p.m., but golfers must register by 4 p.m. to participate. Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees. All levels of golfers are invited to attend this nine-hole tournament every Thursday. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

### Fall soccer and flag football

Parents can register their children for these sports Monday through Aug. 18 at the youth center. Cost is \$30 per child. The seasons end Oct. 21. Coaches are always needed. For more information, call the youth center at Ext. 2504.

### Swimming Lessons

Ages 3 to 18 can learn to swim during a two week program for the cost of \$40. Classes will are July 19 to July 30 and July 24 to Aug. 4 Mondays through Thursdays with make-up classes on Fridays. Class is from 8 to 8:30 a.m. for beginners, 8:30 to 9 a.m. for

intermediate swimmers and 9 to 9:30 a.m. for advanced swimmers. Call Ext. 7861 for more information.

### Princess Open & Monte Carlo Night

This two-lady, nine-hole scramble begins at 3 p.m. July 14 at Whispering Pines Golf Course. Registration is required by July 12. Entry is \$10 plus greens fees for the tournament. Golf carts are \$6 per person. The lowest team score wins a first place prize. All other teams will be placed in a drawing for second and third places. Prizes will be determined by the number of entries and will be awarded for closest to the pin at hole No. 7, longest drive at No. 2 and longest putt at No. 8.

Dinner and Monte Carlo games will immediately follow the tournament. People can register for all three events for \$30 plus greens fees; the tournament and dinner is \$22.50; or dinner and Monte Carlo festivities is \$25 per person. The Monte Carlo games include \$1,000 in playing chips. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

### Par 3 golf tournament

The Whispering Pines golf course offers this tournament at 8 a.m. July 29. The course will be designed so that each hole is a par 3. The lowest net score wins. Entry is \$15 plus greens fees. Registration is required by 3 p.m. July 28. Call Ext. 7932.

### Mixed Scramble

Couples are invited to enter this tournament scheduled for 8 a.m. Aug. 12 at Whispering Pines Golf

Course. Entry is \$80 per couple and includes greens fees, golf cart, prize fund, beverages and lunch on the patio. Registration is required by Aug. 12 at the golf pro shop. For more information, call Ext. 7932.

### Beginners scuba class

A beginners scuba course is from 5:15 to 9:15 p.m. Aug. 14, Aug. 17, Aug. 21, Aug. 24, Aug. 28 and Aug. 31. Cost is \$300 per person and includes all water and classroom instruction, swim tests, wet suits, local air, pool time and transportation to Blue Water Dive School for final certification dives Sept. 9 and Sept. 10. Lodging and air for the final two days certification dives is not included. Class is limited to a minimum of four people and a maximum of 12 people. To register visit Outdoor Recreation; or for more information call Ext. 7861 or Ext. 2507.

### Fitness incentives

The fitness center program “Get Fit, Get Stuff” allows gym patrons to earn items such as water bottles, towels, T-shirts and gym bags for running, cycling or walking. BLAZE TEAM members can own any of these items by sacrificing a little hard earned sweat. Stop by the fitness center or call Ext. 2772 for more information.

### Flag football officials

People interested in officiating the intramural flag football season must attend a certification/re-certification clinic for the upcoming 2006 season. For more information or to sign up, call 364-0414.